

MINUTES FOR THE  
ARIZONA BOARD OF BARBERS  
May 1, 2006

Arthur Dean Knox presided and called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m. Roll was called with three members present. Also present were Marc Harris, Assistant Attorney General, Sam LaBarbera, Executive Director, Sam Barcelona, Administrative Assistant and Mary Jane Jones, Secretary.

Present:        Arthur Dean Knox                    Michael Bogle  
                     Ross Pacheco

Absent:        Terry Lara  
                     Jackie Gill-Solares

Ross Pacheco moved to approve the minutes with one correction of January 30, 2006. Michael Bogle seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Ross Pacheco moved to approve the minutes of April 17, 2006. Michael Bogle seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

**Informal Interview – Complaint No. 2006-002 Mariela German.** Ms. German was present and represented herself. Sam LaBarbera reported that he found an unlicensed person cutting hair during an inspection on December 7, 2005 at Ms. German's shop. This person, Guadalupe Lopez, admitted that she was unlicensed.

Ms. German said she knows this is a serious offence but there was no one else she could find to work. Mr. LaBarbera confirmed that there are only about 10-15 barbers in Douglas. Ross Pacheco moved to adopt paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 of the Informal Interview as findings of fact, levy a \$300 fine and to send her a letter stating that this behavior cannot continue and we cannot allow her to have unlicensed persons working at her shop, this current Informal Interview will have an impact on any future disciplinary actions and to offer this as a consent agreement. Michael Bogle seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously. Mr. Pacheco explained his motion to Ms. German in Spanish. Michael Bogle seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Pacheco amended his motion to add that she is to pay the fine within thirty (30) days of signing the consent agreement.

**Inspection of Freddy Cedano's Shop (Establishment No. 1460-E).** Mr. Barcelona reported that he inspected this shop on January 28, 2006 and found a student working there as a barber. Mr. Cedano told the inspector that the student had said he was licensed. Mr. Pacheco moved for an informal interview regarding an unsanitary shop and the student cutting hair. Mr. Pacheco amended his motion to read only an unlicensed person cutting hair. Mr. Pacheco further amended his motion to read an unlicensed person cutting hair. Mr. Bogle seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Pacheco moved to bring in Tommy Steven. Mr. Bogle wondered why we would call the student since he is now licensed. Mr. Harris said he could be fined and it might be a good experience for him and he will know the consequences of his action. Mr. Bogle seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

**Inspection and Investigation of USA Barber College (Barber School License No. BC-025).**

Mr. LaBarbera told the Board the staff had been hearing a lot of complaints about this school. He and the other inspector went up to Bullhead City where the school is located. Sam Barcelona stayed at the school for one and a half days. Mr. Barcelona reported the students had told him that most of the students do not get the supplies for their kit, students are called out of class to perform services, some students with up to 1,000 hours have never done a shave, they are sometimes left in the school without an instructor and there is a possibility of hours being padded. The students sometimes travel to the school from great distances and are then told that the school is closed for the day. He talked to eleven students, some of whom had prepaid their entire training and all are very nervous about having to take the board.

Mr. Luper has medical problems and he has been using a lot of substitute instructors. We have also heard that he leaves early and gives the students a full-day's credit.

Mr. LaBarbera reported that the school bond will run out on May 19. The Board directed Mr. LaBarbera to present a report on this school and possible violations it is committing. Mr. Harris wanted the investigative report to be very specific as to which student was affected and how they are affected. Mr. LaBarbera wanted something on record so the students could get relief from the bond. Mr. Harris said this would have to be done after a hearing. The Board directed that there be an update on the next agenda regarding this school.

Mr. Harris said we cannot advise the students – we are not representing the students. We need to be specific as to the allegations of each student in the investigation, have evidence to back these allegations and during any subsequent hearings.

**The next agenda** should contain an update on USA Barber College, fees and new legislation.

**The next meeting** is yet to be determined.

**Adjournment.** Mr. Pacheco moved to adjourn. Mr. Bogle seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Sincerely,

May 1, 2006

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Arthur Dean Knox, Chairman

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Mary Jane Jones, Secretary